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SUBJECT: POLISH PRESS COVERAGE OF CHARTER 77

1. SUMMARY. THE POLISH PRESS HAS STEADILY REPORTED
OFFICIAL CZECHOSLOVAK PRONOUNCEMENTS ON THE CHARTER
77 ISSUE, BUT WITHOUT ELABORATION. END SUMMARY.

2. TRYBUNA LUDU OF JANUARY 17 REPEATED RUDE PRAVO'S
CONDEMNATION OF THE "REACTIONARY BOURGEOISIE" AND "OR-
GANIZERS OF THE 1968 COUNTERREVOLUTION" WHO SIGNED THE
CHARTER 77. THE REPORT INCLUDED THE WARNING THAT "1968
WILL NOT BE REPEATED". THE JANUARY 18 ISSUE OF TRYBUNA
LUDU CARRIED THE CZECH PRESS AGENCY'S REPORT THAT FOUR
PEOPLE HAD BEEN ARRESTED FOR PASSING MATERIALS INIMICAL
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TO THE INTERESTS OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA TO "WESTERN SPY CIRCLES."

3. ZYCIE WARSZAWY OF JANUARY 24 REPORTED GUSTAV HUSAK'S
REMARKS ON THE "INVENTIONS OF THE ENEMIES OF SOCIALISM,"
WHOSE RENEWED ACTIVITY IS DESIGNED TO STIFLE "GROWING DIS-
SATISFACTION" IN THE WEST. HUSAK REPORTEDLY SAID THAT THE
UNITY OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK WORKING PEOPLE COULD NOT BE

AFFECTED BY A "LAMPOON" SIGNED BY 200 OR 300 PEOPLE. ZYCIE
WARSZAWY OF JANUARY 25 CARRIED PRAGUE CORRESPONDENT LESZEK
WYRWICZ'S REPORT OF ARTISTS AND WORKERS WHO CONDEMNED THE
CHARTER 77 AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ON JANUARY 24.

4. COMMENT: THE POLISH PRESS HAS KEPT ITS REPORTING OF
CZECHOSLOVAK EVENTS LOW-KEY. BY REPEATING IN WARSAW
STATEMENTS MADE BY THE PRAGUE AUTHORITIES,
THE GOP MAY BE TRYING TO COUNTERVALANCE RADIO REPORTS FROM
THE WEST AND ALSO PROVIDE A QUIET WARNING TO DISSIDENTS IN
POLAND. THERE IS NO REASON FOR THE POLES TO MAKE A CAUSE
CELEBRE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SITUATION, WHICH COULD BACKFIRE
ON HOME SOIL AS EASILY AS IT COULD PROVE INSTRUCTIVE.
OBVIOUSLY, THE LESS SAID ABOUT DISSIDENTS IN THIS COUNTRY, THE
BETTER. END COMMENT. BROWN

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